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TO: Superintendents
Nonpublic School Administrators
AEA Administrators
College and University Contact Persons

FROM: Judy Jeffrey, Administrator
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SUBJECT: 2000-2001 Designated Teacher Shortage Areas

In cooperation with the Iowa Department of Education, the United States Department of Education (USDE) has designated several "teacher shortage areas" for Iowa. The teacher shortage areas designated by the USDE for the 2000-2001 academic year are:

2000-2001--Statewide shortage areas by discipline:

Special Education:

- K-6 & 7-12 Multicategorical Resource
- K-6 & 7-12 Behavior Disorders
- K-6 & 7-12 Multicategorical Special Class With Integration
- Pk-K Early Childhood Special Education
- K-6 & 7-12 Mental Disabilities
- K-12 Moderate/Severe/Profoundly Handicapped
- K-6 & 7-12 Learning Disabilities
- K-6 Physically Handicapped
- Pk-K, K-6, 7-12, & Itinerant Hearing Impaired
- Pk-K, K-6, 7-12, & Itinerant Visually Impaired

Regular Education:

- K-12 English as a Second Language
- K-6 Reading
- 7-12 Health
- 7-12 Industrial Technology
- 7-12 Mathematics
- 7-12 Driver & Safety Education
- 7-12 Physics
- K-12 Talented & Gifted
- K-6 & 7-12 School Media Specialist
- K-6 & 7-12 Counselor

If an educator obtained a Stafford Student Loan and/or Supplemental Loan for Students (SLS) while becoming licensed to teach and is employed full-time in a designated teacher shortage discipline, he/she may be eligible for up to three years of deferment. Deferment postpones repayment -- it does not cancel Stafford Student Loan obligations. Currently, there are no Stafford Loan cancellation benefits available to educators teaching in shortage areas.

To receive this deferment, the educator must:

- ◆ Have borrowed for the first time between July 1, 1987, and June 30, 1993.
- ◆ Be employed full-time in a designated teacher shortage area.
- ◆ Complete a deferment form designating that a Teacher Shortage Deferment is requested. This includes having the licensure portion completed by the appropriate school official, and returning the completed form to the appropriate lender(s). The deferment form is available through their lending institution.
- ◆ Reapply each year, as a single deferment form is only valid for one year.

Please refer Stafford/SLS borrowers who have general questions concerning deferment of their loans, including the teacher shortage areas, to the Federal Student Aid Hotline at the following number 800-4FED-AID or to a Client Services Representative at the Iowa College Student Aid Commission at csac@max.state.ia.us or (515) 242-3344.

Sincerely,

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